BILL NO. BL2018-1320 (MENDES) – This ordinance would approve the eighth amendment to the Rutledge Hill Redevelopment Plan. The Rutledge Hill Redevelopment Plan was initially approved by Ordinance Number 80-133, and subsequently amended by the adoption of Ordinance Nos. 86-1131, 87-1695, 91-1520, 97-755, 97-754, BL2005-875, BL2013-377, and BL2014-699.

This ordinance would clarify language from the amendment adopted pursuant to BL2014-699 which inadvertently identified the "Tax Increment" section of the plan as "Section G" instead of "Section H". The 2014 amendment also inadvertently authorized tax increment financing related to the Rutledge Hill Redevelopment Plan to be used to carry out "other adopted and approved redevelopment plans", potentially outside of the designated Rutledge Hill area. This ordinance would remove that language.

Additionally, this ordinance would add a new Section C.3 to the Rutledge Hill Plan to authorize proceeds from land sold by the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (MDHA) to be placed in a revolving fund for further purchase of land for resale and redevelopment in the project area, public improvements and facilities in the project area, and implementation of the redevelopment plan. The revolving fund would be held and managed by MDHA. At the close of the project, all funds remaining would be deposited into the General Fund.

The Tax Increment Section of the Rutledge Hill Plan would be further amended to add language to require that, for all new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) loans under the Rutledge Hill Plan, debt service taxes and schools taxes would be retained by the Metropolitan Government, or if received by MDHA, be paid to Metro before any incremental tax revenues are used to pay the principal and interest on a TIF loan. The debt service taxes to be retained by or paid to Metro for each TIF loan would be determined by multiplying the total taxes from all parcels generating incremental tax revenues pledged to secure the TIF loan by the debt service tax percentage applicable as of the date of the closing of the TIF loan. The amount of school taxes to be retained by or paid to Metro for each TIF loan would be determined by multiplying the total taxes from all parcels generating incremental tax revenues pledged to secure the TIF loan by the schools taxes percentage applicable as of the date of the closing of the TIF loan. This would apply to all TIF loans authorized by MDHA under the Rutledge Hill Redevelopment Plan after the effective date of this ordinance.

State law authorizes redevelopment plans to be approved either by the housing authority or the local governing body, but no express provision addresses subsequent amendments thereto. (Tenn. Code Ann. § 13-20-203(a)(1)). Previous versions of the Rutledge Hill Plan provide that modifications may be proposed by MDHA "with the subsequent approval of the Metropolitan Council."

It is anticipated that the sponsor will defer this ordinance.

Fiscal Note: The property tax receipts available to be used for TIF loans would now have the same restrictions as proposed per Ordinance No. BL2018-1319, which was deferred on October 2, 2018 to July 2, 2019. Only the property tax receipts credited to the GSD General Fund and USD General Fund could be used for TIF loan payments. The tax receipts credited to the Schools Operating Fund and the three debt service funds would be retained by Metro and could not be used for TIF loans.

For comparison purposes, the total property taxes budgeted for FY19 for each of the six general budgetary funds are as follows:

- *GSD General Fund $451,063,800*
- *GSD Debt Services Fund $95,402,400 (non-eligible for TIF)*
- *MNPS General Fund $40,473,300 (proposed to become non-eligible for TIF)*
- *MNPS Debt Services Fund $322,381,100 (non-eligible for TIF)*
- *USD General Fund $109,098,200*
- *USD Debt Services Fund $17,848,700 (non-eligible for TIF)*